

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
LOS ANGELES REGION**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Public Notice No. 22-010**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
TIME SCHEDULE ORDER (TSO) FOR
WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT**

DISCHARGER	FACILITY LOCATION	RECEIVING WATER
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (Tapia Water Reclamation Facility)	731 Malibu Canyon Road, Calabasas, California	Malibu Creek Los Angeles River

The Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (hereinafter LVMWD or Discharger), discharges tertiary-treated wastewater from its Tapia Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) to Malibu Creek and the Los Angeles River, waters of the United States. LVMWD owns and operates the Tapia WRF, a publicly owned treatment works located at 731 Malibu Canyon Road, Calabasas, California, with a design capacity of 12 million gallons per day. The discharge is regulated under waste discharge requirements contained in Order R4-2017-0124, adopted by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Los Angeles Water Board) on June 01, 2017. Order No. R4-2017-0124 serves as a permit under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES No. CA0056014). On June 01, 2017, the Los Angeles Water Board also adopted Time Schedule Order (TSO) No. R4-2017-0125 to provide a schedule for the Discharger to come into compliance with more stringent final effluent limitations for chloride and to receive interim effluent limitations for chloride. The Los Angeles Water Board tentatively proposes to amend TSO No. R4-2017-0125, to provide the Discharger with additional milestones to complete over the next five years to comply with the final effluent limitations for chloride.

PUBLIC HEARING DATE AND LOCATION

The Los Angeles Water Board will hold a public hearing on the Tentative TSO Amendment during the its regular Board meeting on the following date and time and at the following location:

Date: **July 14, 2022**
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: TBD

A virtual platform is also available for those who want to join online. Please follow the directions provided in the agenda to register or to view the Board meeting.

Interested persons are invited to attend. At the public hearing, the Los Angeles Water Board will hear testimony, if any, that is pertinent to the TSO amendment. Oral testimony will be heard; however, for accuracy of the record, important testimony should be in writing.

Please be aware that dates and venues may change. Our [Web address](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/) is <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/>, where you can access the current agenda for changes in dates and locations.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The Tentative TSO Amendment, documents relied upon, comments received, and other information on file are available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by appointment at the following address:

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
320 West 4th Street, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90013

The Tentative TSO Amendment is available on the Los Angeles Water Board's [website](#) at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.htm under the "Time Schedule Orders" heading. The entire file will become a part of the administrative record of this proceeding, irrespective of whether individual documents are specifically referenced during the hearing. The entire file will not be present in the hearing room. Should any interested persons desire staff to bring to the hearing any documents that are not included in the agenda packet, they must submit a written or electronic request to staff during business hours, not later than five business days before the hearing. The request must identify the documents with enough specificity for staff to locate them.

NATURE OF HEARING

This will be a formal adjudicative hearing pursuant to section 648 et seq. of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Chapter 5 of the California Administrative Procedure Act (commencing with section 11500 of the Government Code) will not apply to this proceeding.

Ex Parte Communications Prohibited: This is a pending proceeding and there shall be no communication, direct or indirect, to Board members, except during the public hearing itself. Communications may be directed to the Los Angeles Water Board staff, however, as set forth below.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH STAFF BEFORE THE HEARING

The lead staff member responsible for this item is:

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PARTIES TO THE HEARING

The following are the parties to this proceeding:

Las Virgenes Municipal Water District

Any other persons requesting party status must submit a written or electronic request to staff no later than 20 business days before the hearing. All parties will be notified if other persons are so designated.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL OF EVIDENCE

Persons wishing to comment on, or object to, the Tentative TSO Amendment for waste discharge requirements, or submit evidence for the Board to consider, are invited to submit them in writing to Xiaofei.Cui@waterboards.ca.gov. To be evaluated and responded to by Los Angeles Water Board staff, included in the Board's agenda folder, and fully considered by the Los Angeles Water Board, written comments or testimony regarding the Tentative TSO Amendment must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on June 20, 2022**. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Los Angeles Water Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or exhibit into evidence pursuant to section 648.4, title 23 of the California Code of Regulations.

HEARING PROCEDURE

The Board meeting, of which this hearing is a part, will start at 9:00 a.m. Interested persons are invited to attend. When the agenda item is called, staff will present the matter under consideration, after which oral statements from parties or interested persons will be heard. For accuracy of the record, all important testimony should be in writing. The Board will include in the administrative record written transcriptions of oral testimony that is actually presented at the hearing. Oral testimony may be limited to five minutes or less for each interested person, depending on the number of interested persons wishing to be heard.

Parties or interested persons with similar concerns or opinions are encouraged to choose one representative to speak and are encouraged to coordinate their presentations with each other. Parties will be advised after the receipt of public comments, but prior to the date of the hearing, of the amount of time each is allocated for presentations. That decision will be based upon the complexity and number of issues under consideration, the extent to which the parties have coordinated, the number of parties and interested persons anticipated, and the time available for the hearing. The parties are invited to

contact staff not later than **June 30, 2022**, (two weeks prior to the hearing) to discuss how much time they believe is necessary for their presentations, and staff will endeavor to accommodate reasonable requests. At the conclusion of testimony, the Board will deliberate in open or close session, and render a decision.

The Board does not generally require the prior identification of witnesses, the cross examination of witnesses, or other procedures not specified in this notice. Parties or persons with special procedural requests or requests for alternative hearing procedures should contact staff, who will endeavor to accommodate reasonable requests. Objections to any procedure to be used during this hearing must be submitted in writing no later than close of business 15 business days prior to the date of the hearing. (Any objections related to the amount of time allocated for parties' presentations must be submitted within two business days of notice thereof, if that date is less than 15 business days before the hearing.) Absent such objections, any procedure not specified in this hearing notice will be waived pursuant to section 648(d) of title 23 of the California Code of Regulations. Procedural objections will not be entertained at the hearing.

If there should not be a quorum on the scheduled date of this meeting, all cases will be automatically continued to the next scheduled meeting on **September 08, 2022**. A continuance will not extend any time set forth herein.

Date: May 19, 2022